

First Preliminary Amendment
Serial No. 09/978,454
Page 4 of 5

*SUS
ent*

174 8. (New) *168* The pharmaceutical composition of claim 2, wherein V is selected from the group consisting of aryl, substituted aryl, heteroaryl, and substituted heteroaryl.

B1

175 9. (New) *168* The pharmaceutical composition of claim 2, wherein the prodrug is in the *cis* configuration.

Cont.

176 10. (New) *174* The pharmaceutical composition of claim 8, wherein the prodrug is in the *cis* configuration.

Rule 12

177 11. (New) *171* The pharmaceutical composition of Claim 5, wherein MH is araC and V is a heteroaryl group.

178 12. (New) *177* The pharmaceutical composition of claim 11, wherein V is 4-pyridyl.--

REMARKS

Claim 1 is pending. Upon entry of this First Preliminary Amendment, claims 2-12 will be pending. Support for these new claims can be found throughout the originally filed specification. For example, support can be found where noted in the following table:

First Preliminary Amendment
 Serial No. 09/978,454
 Page 5 of 5

| Claim | Support |
|-------|---|
| 2 | Originally Filed Claim 95; Page 128, line 17, to page 132, line 10 |
| 3 | Pages 38-39 |
| 4 | Originally Filed Claim 98; page 39 |
| 5 | Page 37, line 30, to page 38, line 14 |
| 6 | Page 39, line 22; page 42, lines 19-23 |
| 7 | Page 42, lines 19-23 |
| 8 | Originally Filed Claim 95 |
| 9 | Page 57, lines 18-20 |
| 10 | Page 57, lines 18-20 |
| 11 | Page 68, lines 20-23 |
| 12 | Page 68, lines 20-23 |

Respectfully Submitted,

Erion et al.

Date: 1/22/02

By: Jessica R. Wolff

Jessica R. Wolff
 Reg. No. 37,261

Brobeck, Phleger & Harrison LLP
 12390 El Camino Real
 San Diego, CA 92130-2081
 Direct Dial: (858)720-2696
 Facsimile: (858)720-2555